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Grand President's Greeting.

To the Members of Kappa Kappa Gamma, Active and Alumnae,

GREETINGS:

THE wisdom of the policy of the past administration was evident in the generous spirit and broad appreciation shown at the recent convention. That this policy will yield still more beautiful and richer returns we most firmly believe. The policy will, therefore, remain unchanged. The key note shall still be "Charity," and the refrain shall be "A Broader Sisterhood, a Nobler Womanhood."

We believe that for the good of the Fraternity, chapters should become smaller. We believe that extension should be slow. Strength lies not in numbers. What we need is a conservatism that is without snobishness, and a discrimination that is without condemnation. Then the old, among themselves, will be strong; and powerful, indeed, must be the new that can aid the old in the further development of the high ideals of broadminded, generous sisterhood.

In the two years just beginning, the Grand President begs for herself and Council the co-operation of every member of the Fraternity of Kappa Kappa Gamma.

ELMIE WARNER, Grand President.

SOCIAL SERVICE COMMITTEE REPORT.

MRS. E. JEAN NELSON PENFIELD, ex-Grand President, presented her report, at the conclusion of which she presented a preamble and resolution, the unanimous adoption of which was one of the most important acts of convention. Her report was as follows :

"In presenting the report of the Committee on Social Service it is but proper that some explanatory notice of its origin be given.

"Last winter, while talking with Dr. William H. Tolman, Director of the American Institute of Social Service, which is located in New York City, I made the claim that the college Greek letter fraternity stood side by side with the instruction and influence of our great professors in the social service rendered to the college body and the student individually. I further said that it was one of the most effective agents known in the college for a practical preparation for active life after college days were passed. I based this statement upon the work done in our own chapters, which we all know so well makes not only for the highest scholarship, but for the most broadening participation in all the by-products of college life—such as college politics, athletics, work in the Christian Association and on the editorial staffs of college papers, etc.

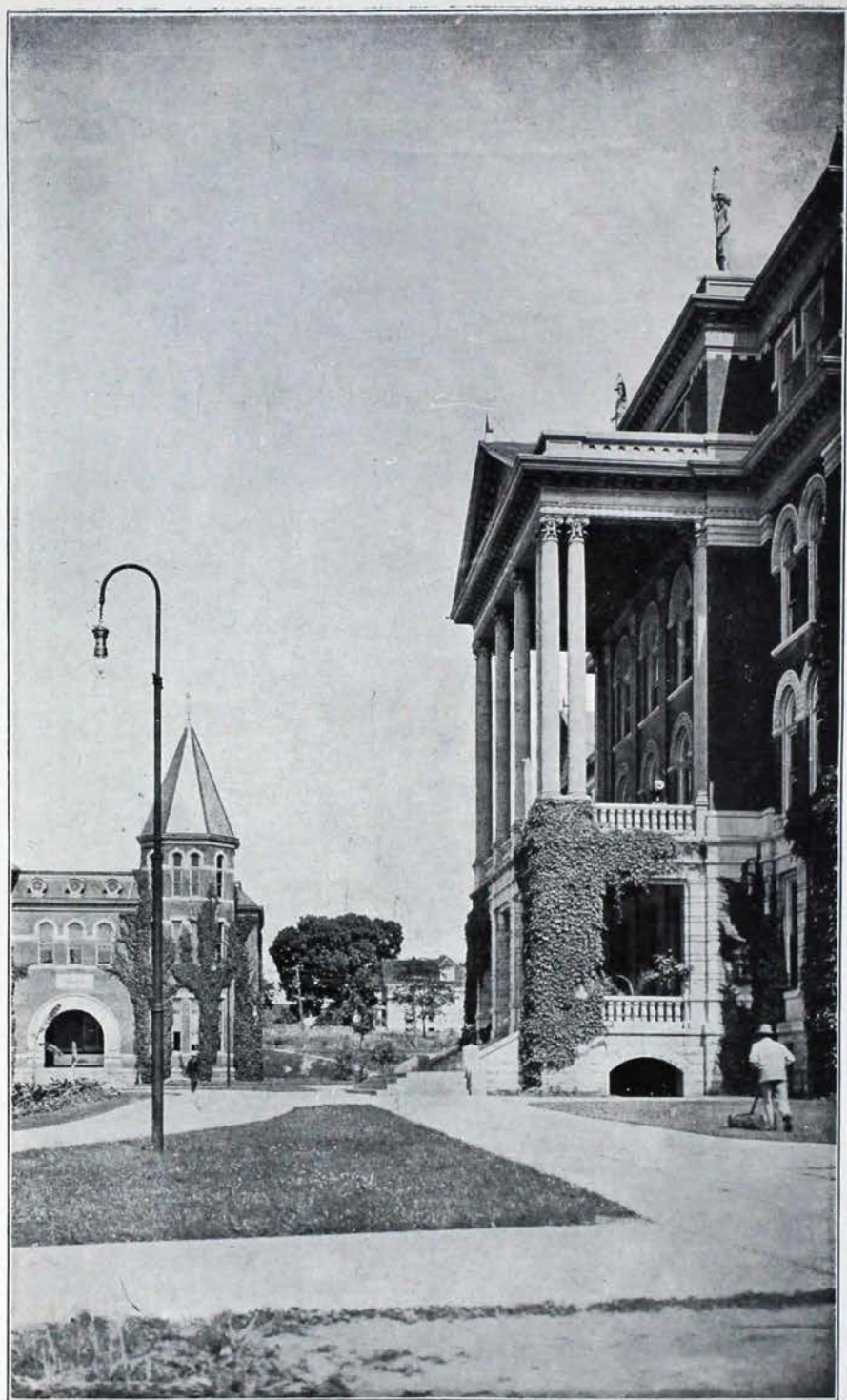
"To make my position clearer and also to produce evidence for a social service afternoon which I was to give in honor of our N. Y. Alumnae Association, I wrote to six different college presidents, telling them what service we, as a fraternity, sought to render ; said that we were gratified with the internal results and asked in what measure we succeeded from their view-point. The letters were, as a whole, disappointing and convinced me of two things, viz.: First, That we are not doing all that we should ; Second, That many professors are ignorant of the high aims we seek to foster. Our chief concern, however, is with the first deduction, that we as a fraternity, are not doing all that we should. This first deduction is however accentuated by the second, for, if we were as effective agents for the good, the true and the beautiful as we should be, there would not be so many in

ignorance of our desire to serve these high aims. From one president I received word through the dean of women asking me to meet her in Philadelphia, where we could discuss the subject. I wrote her that it would be impossible for me to go to Philadelphia, but an appointment was made for another date in New York. She, as a Bryn Mawr woman, was almost entirely ignorant of the internal workings of a fraternity and co-education had been new to her when she went to her new post of duty three years before. She criticized the result of both the fraternity and co-education and I asked her where, in her judgment, these institutions failed. She said that co-education, as she had seen it, did not offer the opportunity to the girl student for participation in the by-products of college life such as is found in the exclusively woman's college. Agreeing with me that these things were as important to the student as work in the class room, she felt this to be a serious loss. She is also greatly disturbed over the social results coming from the present unregulated conditions in the State institutions. (She says she thinks the denominational colleges meet the problem more fully.) The majority of the students bring to the college village standards of all social matters and continue their observance of village customs in a body which should recognize and be regulated by things more advanced. There being no restrictive rules in the State institutions, she has found it impossible to bring social matters up to anything near a desirable standard. The fraternity houses make the problem even more difficult of solution. The matrons are not women to command admiration and lead them socially, but, in most cases women whom they engage and dismiss at their own pleasure and from whom they would not tolerate criticism. In many ways the chaperone has little more influence. There is no co-operation between faculty and students in the management of these houses—no faculty regulation. They are independent. She said that the deans of women feel helpless and also stated that they must have aid and wanted to know to what extent they could look to the fraternities for it. The first criticism made by the dean is one which should be considered by every college woman (and perhaps by the fraternities individually), but has no place in the report of this inter-fraternity social service committee. The second, however, when reported to our Grand President and taken in consideration with similar criticism much

stronger in character which is heard on all sides and which has changed the subject of co-education from the problem which belongs merely to the educator to that which concerns the sociologist, made her feel that we, as a fraternity, should investigate the conditions, seek to know our responsibility in the matter, and interest other National fraternities. Our Grand President asked me to act as chairman of this committee. Broadly speaking, the result of my investigation is found in the circular letter published in the last KEY and sent to all National women's college Greek letter societies. (See KEY.) In response to this circular letter I have heard favorably from all the fraternities except two (Alpha Phi and Alpha Chi Omega). From these I have received no response. As the letter from Kappa Alpha Theta was peculiarly significant I desire to read it:

MY DEAR MRS. PENFIELD:—Your letter concerning the possible social service of fraternities has interested me much. Kappa Kappa Gamma is to be congratulated on having inaugurated such a movement. I shall take pleasure in laying the matter before the council of Kappa Alpha Theta so that our delegate to the inter-fraternity conference may be prepared to actively help this matter forward. I assure you of Kappa Alpha Theta's fullest co-operation. Please feel free to call on me for any furthering of this matter you wish us to undertake. I shall be glad to hear of the progress of the movement. (Signed by Secretary.)

“The present situation is this: We who have studied the conditions recognize that there is just ground for criticism from the opponents of co-education, especially along social lines, but we do not believe these conditions, deplored by all mature men and women who have thought on the subject, are essential to the system. We do not believe the young women educated in a co-educational institution should be any less charming in manner or in the womanly graces than those who come to the world prepared for their social position in a one-sex college. We do believe, however, that the social standards in many of our co-educational colleges are not what they should be, and further (which is a very natural consequence), that the young men and women in these institutions do not realize that their standards are not such as will pass muster in our recognized social centers. We further believe that our young men and women do not fully appreciate the fact that they are making the history of co-education, and that they who owe everything to this system are bringing discredit upon it. Ibsen once said that ‘the capital fault of



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our education is in our having laid stress on what we know rather than on what we are.' We may stand well in our class rooms, but if we are not womanly women, standing for all that is best in the woman of education, culture and refinement, we have not gained the best that a college course has to offer. By living up to their ideals and through their organized strength, the college Greek letter fraternities can, by proper co-operation with faculties and with non-fraternity men and women, not only disarm every criticism of co-education not justly made, but can render a service to women and to the world of education such as it would be impossible to describe or even conceive. It is to this call that we, as a committee, are asking you as Kappas to respond. We want, too, that Kappa should lead in this movement. For this reason we ask that this convention indorse the following resolutions to be presented to the coming inter-sorority conference on September 17, in Chicago :

"WHEREAS, We recognize the justness of many criticisms made against the social conditions existing in our co-educational institutions, and

"WHEREAS, We feel that the college Greek letter fraternities, with their organized force should be a responsible factor in the proper adjustment of such conditions ;

"Resolved, That we recommend concerted action by the National women's fraternities, the object of which shall be to reach this adjustment.

" Respectfully submitted,

"Signed, E. JEAN NELSON PENFIELD,

" *Chairman Inter-Fraternity S. S. Com.*"



THE CONVENTION.

THE seventeenth national convention of Kappa Kappa Gamma was held in Columbia, Missouri, August 23rd to August 29th, with Theta chapter. Accounts of the proceedings, which it is customary to publish in a non-secret journal appear in these pages. Two hundred Kappas were in attendance—delegates from 30 active chapters and 12 alumnae associations and many other visitors. Officers were elected for the next two years as follows :

Grand President—Elmie Warner, of Cleveland, a former graduate from Buchtel, '96, and for the past four years Grand Registrar. She is regularly employed as correspondent for the National Enterprise Association.

Grand Secretary—Mary D. Griffith, of Philadelphia, a former student at the University of Pennsylvania, and for the last two years Grand Secretary. She is a teacher in the Philadelphia high school for girls.

Grand Treasurer—George Challoner, University of Wisconsin, '02.

Grand Registrar—Cleora Clark Wheeler, University of Minnesota, '03.

Editor of KEY—Adele Lathrop, student at the University of Nebraska, '93-'94; at present a member of the faculty of Horace Mann School, Columbia University.



THE SOCIAL SIDE OF CONVENTION.

MUCH stress may well be laid upon the business sessions of the convention; on the speeches, the dignified discussions, the presentations of different aspects of fraternity life in various colleges: but of no less importance is the inspiration gained by the bringing together of women with natures as different as the localities they represent, yet each working toward a common goal, each guiding her life by the same high ideals.

A more cosmopolitan gathering can hardly be pictured than that assembled in the home of Theta Chapter on the evening before the opening of the convention. The reserve of the northern girl melted before the glowing enthusiasm of her southern sister; the conservative easterner unconsciously laid bare her plans to the large-hearted westerner; the woman whose even poise told of a life rounded out by fraternity principles clasped hands with the girl who was looking forward to an unshaped future.

All visitors to Columbia received a hearty welcome from Theta Chapter who had provided one large home for their entertainment—the Dormitory of Christian College. Here acquaintances were formed and friendships made which will last a life time.

During those brief days, perhaps no person had a stronger influence on the lives she touched than did Miss Ruth Paxson. Her winning personality drew all to her and a large number met in the rooms of Christain College to listen to her informal talk on Wednesday evening. She spoke of the greatness of the fraternity and her own deep affection for it: then urged all who wore the key to broaden the limits of their sisterhood; not to be narrow and self-centered, but to stand for all that was noblest and best in the college world; not to draw aside, but to enter into the lives of those who came to college without wealth or friends; to let the world feel that they were truer women because of the high ideals of their fraternity. So kindly were her criticisms and so true her words that each person responded to her appeal, and the eager grasp of many hands told Miss Paxson that her suggestions had reached hearts in which they would ripen into deeds.

On Thursday evening, a large reception was given at Read Hall, the very attractive girls' dormitory opened a year ago. Above the main entrance huge letters, K K Γ, in dark blue on a light blue background were electric lighted and were the pride of hostesses and guests. Faculty, townspeople and many from all over the states came to meet Kappa's representatives.

Friday evening the ball was held and to this came the friends of Theta Chapter from miles around. Corners of the dance cards were decorated in a single stalk of *fleur de lis*, done in the two blues, Japanese effect.

Saturday afternoon, the Pi Beta Phis entertained very delightfully at their chapter house, just two doors below the Kappa chapter house.

• Many entertainments were planned by our never tiring hostesses, but none was more keenly enjoyed than the "Frat Night," presented by the various chapters. Here dignified delegates danced and sang in a way that made even the Grand Council forget its worries. At the close, one-hundred-and-fifty girls clasped hands and formed a circle which typified the unity of the convention.

When the last business session of the convention was completed the delegates and Grand Council dropped their cares and one-hundred-and-thirty-six gathered around the banquet table which glowed beneath the soft light of rose-shaded candles and was sweet with the fragrance of American-beauty roses. The sorrow

felt for the absence of one of our grand officers was partially alleviated by her representative, for on each name card was a picture of our Kappa baby, Helen Elizabeth Smart. Fraternity songs were sung, original verses given, and clever toasts responded to.

TOASTS.

EDITH STONER, Toastmistress, *Theta*.

1. "To Beta Omicron—The Latest Born," . . . GRACE TRIPLETT, *Della*
Response HILDA BLOUNT, *Beta Omicron*
2. "In Days of Old," . . . MRS. IDA BONNELL OSTOTT, *Sigma*
"My mind lets go a thousand things
Like dates of wars and deaths of kings
And yet recalls the very hour—"
3. "Songs of Kappa," CLEORA CLARK WHEELER, *Chi*
"Let me write the songs of a nation and
I care not who makes its laws."
4. "Fraternity," IDA MAY SOLLY, *Beta Alpha*
"True happiness consists not in the multitude
of friends, but in their worth and choice."
5. "Kappa Success," FLORENCE BERRY, *Beta Zeta*
"Every success in life comes from sympathy
and co-operation and love."
6. "Opening Doors," DELLA MCINTOSH, *Kappa*
"I will look out to the future,
I will bless it till it shine."

It was only now and then that a breath of sadness swept over us when we remembered that this was our last evening together. Still many will meet again and the love which unites the North and the South, the East and the West will never die.

As we glanced up and down the table, we were reminded of the Swedish legend of the Milky Way. Two lovers were banished to different stars; but they did not despair for their hearts told them that love could overcome all obstacles. Gradually a ray of light crept out from each star. The beams grew broader and longer until a glowing span united the stars. A cry went up to the Supreme Ruler that he should tear down this bridge, but He shook His head. "What love hath built," He said, "cannot be destroyed."

So our fraternity has built a bridge of love from one end of this continent to the other, and each convention adds a nail to strengthen the structure.

ELIZABETH GRAY, *Pi Alumna*.

THE CONVENTION SERMON.

ONE of the most satisfactory and inspiring events of convention week was the service at the Presbyterian Church, on Sunday morning. All delegates and visitors met at the Christian College and walked to the church, the delegates and members of the council wearing cap and gown. The Kappas were deeply impressed, as were also the people of Columbia. The earnest sermon of Rev. W. W. Elwang commanded the close attention of everybody. After cordially greeting the Kappas and selecting "Ye are the Salt of the Earth," as his text, the pastor spoke in part as follows:

"Think of the responsibilities that rest upon an educated woman because of the influence for good which she may exercise. A tremendous change has taken place. Social and economic conditions are such that more women than ever before, women with the stamp of gentility upon their faces and their high descent in every step they take, are in sternest sort of competition with their whilom 'lords and masters.' And there are those who are doubtful and distressed about this feature of the times. Already we are asked to note the signs of sure degeneration. We are told that woman is growing speedily less womanly. She is becoming mercenary. The home, with its duties and pleasures, has no longer any attractions. Now, there may have been some foundation for such criticism in the first bewildering period of transition. There have been women whose minds were the too genial soil for the bacteria of folly and fanaticism. But already the reaction has set in. The adjustment to the new conditions is taking place. It has been found, to the astonishment of some sages, that women can be educated, educated right along with man; that she can take her place at almost any post of duty, and stand, if need be, in the full glare of publicity, and lose not one whit of that 'eternal feminine' which everywhere and always will compel the homage of the other sex. I say, that the liberty allowed to women now, their freedom to go anywhere and do anything, ought to be the harbinger of better times, instead of worse, the prophecy and guarantee of higher thought and purer living on the part of all. The increasing intelligence, and, there-

fore, growing power of women cannot but result in the ultimate extinction of a whole host of social and political plagues that now infest the public life and, *mutatis mutandis*, are doing their baleful work in narrower academic circles. Constitutionally more alert for the right, and more opposed to the wrong, and now instructed in history, science and philosophy, and, I trust, full of faith in God, the educated woman, the woman of thought and purpose in society, cannot but be an antidote to every dangerous influence that moves against the 'Home, the Church and Native Land.' The true fraternity girl especially, wholesome of mind and clean of heart, sensibly in love with this sunny old world, devoted to the interests of her sisterhood, but anxious also to be useful every whither, to obey the universal law of service—such a young woman cannot but be, in the academic world in which she moves, the very salt that cleanses and conserves.

"There are many evils that make existence confused or bitter, or corrupt and degrade mankind. Many are groaning in hunger and want. Many are held in the torturing grip of vice. Even in respectable society, so-called, disintegrating and corrupting forces are ever at work. False standards in the big world's social life, and also in the smaller academic worlds of which you are a part; vulgarity in art and yellowness in literature; a frivolous discounting of the high thoughts and hopes of all the generations that are gone—are not these the signs of degeneration and decay? What shall be the college woman's attitude toward these and other things that touch every institution of learning, every community, hurt thousands of homes, and blast countless lives? It is well enough to be versed in literature and art, to be able to range the skies and explore the deep places of earth with science, but, after all is said, the best education, the noblest culture is that which puts us in closest touch with our fellows, which enables us to stoop down and lift those below us just a little higher up. The perfection of culture is devotion to humanity. All splendid gifts of talent, beauty and wealth have their crowning glory only in the service of the poor and needy. Wherever, therefore, a Kappa Kappa Gamma moves in society, lofty ideals and nobility of conduct ought to be easier, easier especially for us men, and sodden selfishness and clouded sin ought to become more abhorrent for all. Under the influence of a Kappa girl upon the campus it ought to be easier always to cling to what is fine, generous,

courageous and true, and to cut loose from the coarse, the false, the cowardly and wrong. In those dark days when a million men of our land marched southward, and a million more marched northward, and the columns met with a concussion that well-nigh shook the world, in the midst of the din and confusion, the blood and the death of battle, women walked as angels of light in ministering to the soldier boys. Not less is your opportunity in the ceaseless conflict of the evil and the good. In your places in the class-room, on the campus, around your fire-sides, among your friends, especially in the sweet intimacies of your chapter life, you can by your very presence, by that mystic alchemy of which the women-folk alone are masters, work love into the laws we must obey, a finer ethics into every-day behavior, and sweetness and light into all the relations of life, until that old and evil epigram of the French—*cherchez la femme*—look for the woman when a crime is done, will have a higher, holier application, and at the root of all the movements for the amelioration and salvation of mankind will be found a woman's influence and a woman's power.

"I must now have a word to say about the part religion ought to have in your life as a purifying and conserving power. It ought to represent to you the very saltiness of salt. So far I have spoken to you simply as women of intelligence and education. But the ultimate reach of reason is religious faith. In the faith that God reigns, and will, men of old, we are told, walked dry-shod through seas, drew refreshment from the flinty rocks, found mountain sides aglow with serried ranks of heavenly helpers, and every wayside bright with promise. Life—and I am weighing well my words—can bring no success or honor that can compensate the loss of him or her, especially her, who by some perversity of thought or trick of fate, has lost the conviction of the divine oversight and care. In a world full of conflict and labor, whose reward is often only disappointment, people are mainly supported by the thought that the angels of God's providence go before them and that the Father's face sheds light upon their pathway. I know that for great multitudes this truth of God's over-ruling care has been eclipsed. I trust that none of you have known that dark experience. I hope that all of you have religion to guide and sustain you in life's desperate adventure. If you have, the guaranty and test of its reality is its efficiency in cleansing life, in making it more livable, in saving

precious things from death, in lending new lustre to ideals and feeding hopes with visions splendid, in producing characters that fulfill Christ's word and meet his highest expectations, characters that are in deed and truth the 'salt of the earth.'

"I call you, therefore, individually, with all your splendid powers, and collectively, as a noble sisterhood that cannot all exist for self, lest it become an empty vine indeed—I say, I call you to take your part, not with the idle and frivolous and faithless, but with the earnest, the devoted, the devout. I summon you, in behalf of the high interest of learning, in behalf of the great future of American womanhood, to do your faithful share in the much needed renaissance of true religion, in an effort to find the true meaning of Christ's words, to feel the real power of his truth, to interpret in a life of loving the high significance of his sacrificial death for all mankind."



ALUMNAE DAY.

A VERY pleasant and helpful feature of the convention week was "alumnae day," inaugurated two years ago. Informal talks were given by prominent alumnae in attendance and almost all convention Kappas were present to enjoy these talks. The time was devoted very largely to a discussion of the social service work, called out by Mrs. Penfield's talk on "Women's Leagues." Other topics were:

"Our Alumnae Associations," Virginia Sinclair, Grand Treasurer, Epsilon, '00.

"The Alumnae and the Active Chapter," Minnie Royse Walker, Iota, '90-'93, editor of *Handbook*.

"The Active Chapter and the Alumnae," Marion Twiss Smith, Beta Nu, '97, Editor's Deputy.

"High School Sororities," Elizabeth Rhodes, Psi, '97.

"Chapter Scholarships," Elizabeth Gray, Pi, '96.

AFTERTHOUGHTS.

THE word "convention" will recall to the minds of at least two hundred Kappas a week full of happiness—of true Kappa spirit. Never before had Kappa Kappa Gamma so successful a meeting! Being near St. Louis, many were able to come to Columbia, and the "visitors" were most inspiring to those seated in cap and gown on whom primarily rested the responsibility of action. Important and vital subjects were before convention and were handled in a way that made the council proud of its younger sisters—a more earnest, efficient body of delegates could nowhere be found. The alumnae, too, were more fully represented than ever before—duly elected delegates from twelve alumnae associations being present. The spirit of the convention of 1904 will live forever in the hearts of those who shared it; a spirit so full of Kappa love and a desire to have Kappa ideals realities, that it seemed everywhere to rise above petty personalities—and north, south, east and west were a unit for the best interests of Kappa Kappa Gamma.

The report by the chairman of the Committee on Social Service was one of intense interest, and every Kappa in the land will rejoice that the voice of convention was unanimous in desiring to lead in the movement of bettering the social conditions of college life where needed. All honor to the fraternity that has started on the new road! The discussion of ways and means for this work was long and earnest, and with Mrs. Penfield as a guide we may hope for much success—that in time the name of Kappa Kappa Gamma may be recognized in the land as a power for good—that "she is a Kappa" will mean that she stands for the best in all pertaining to life, both college and individual.

In direct line with the social service movement came the convention address—delivered so thoughtfully to a thoughtful body of women who stood to the world for the quiet dignity of our fraternity. That the true meaning of Kappa Kappa Gamma was felt by all was shown in many intangible ways.

There came continually from Christian College reports of good fellowship and love. Each girl felt that she had gained many friends, very dear to her, even though the time had been short.

The spirit shown by the delegates toward each other, we of the council felt was extended to us, and I voice the sentiment of the council of 1902-04, in saying that we were much touched by the confidence placed in us.

I can but second the motion made by one of our younger members, "that convention be continued for a month." If we gained so much in a week, how much more would we gain by a longer life together? We go forth determined to do even better things and to take back to the less fortunate ones all that convention did for us. We perhaps feel as never before the meaning of the words of one of Sigma's members—

There is a mystic borderland that lies
Just past the limits of our work-day world,
And it is peopled with the friends we met
And loved, a year, a month, a week or day,
And parted from with aching hearts, yet knew
That through the distance we must loose the hold
Of hand with hand, and only clasp the thread
Of memory. But still so close we feel this land
So sure we are that these same hearts are true,
That when in waking dreams there comes a call
That sets the thread of memory aglow;
We know that just by stretching out the hand
In written word of love, or book, or flower,
The waiting hand will clasp our own once more
Just for an instant, in the same old way.

MARY D. GRIFFITH, *Grand Secretary.*



KAPPA AT CHAUTAUQUA.

FOR an assembly of modern Greeks, Chautauqua, which combines all the best features of ancient Athens and America of to-day, should certainly be an ideal spot. So it has proved to Kappa Kappa Gamma, this summer. Perhaps in other years those of us who were going back to college or to work or play have carried happier memories because we wore the blue, but this summer especial endeavors have been made to let none escape without such reminiscences. Phi Beta Kappa pins, husbands, and attentive crowds have not daunted our enthusiasm preserved to us from bygone rushing seasons.

The quantity of fraternity records sold, the number of alumni subscriptions to the KEY taken, the plans made for next summer, and the immense amount of conversation all prove that our efforts were not fruitless. We are firmly convinced that it was an experience second only to that bright dream of every Kappa, "going to convention."

There were several smaller, though not less enthusiastic reunions, unexpected affairs of two and three, but the first formal meeting was held with Mrs. Walker, early in July, and was characterized by a joyful informality, every one having the floor at once. A Kappa register was begun and plans for the summer were discussed. Since we were not able to secure the attendance of an active member, we discussed Kappa problems for our own benefit.

A week or two later we gave ourselves a tea in the Arcade building, in honor of several Kappas who were soon leaving. Mrs. Stair, of Akron, the sister of Mrs. Hunter, of Lambda, was with us. The occasion was entirely free from place-cards, toast-lists, and impedimenta of all kinds, and we enjoyed it thoroughly. As we were leaving, Mrs. Hunter invited us to meet with her for tea the next week. There were several new faces at this latter meeting, and Mrs. Walker took some photographs of the festive group. Like all other Kappas, Mrs. Hunter proved to be an ideal hostess. Miss Slade, of Lambda, was the guest of honor on this occasion, and Blanche Miller, the sister of Bertha Miller, of Gamma Rho, was a guest.

Enthusiasm waxed highest, however, the next Monday when we had a trolley ride to Victoria, and an old-fashioned country dinner at the Stone farm-house. Several members of Phi Kappa Psi and two prospective ones belonging to the Walker family were of the party, and all entered heartily into the spirit of the occasion. Hi-His and Hai Korais were given with much energy, and the representatives of Allegheny gave their favorite bit of poetry with much applause:

"Life's a farce we often hear,
But let's enjoy it while we're here,
And the very best place to see the show
Is from one of the seats in the Gamma Rho."

Last we all met at the tea-room among the lake-flies, August sixteenth, and said "goodby," some of us with a feeling we had thought only commencement days could bring.

Pan Hellenism, though encouraged in all possible ways, did not prosper. We had a register at the Amphitheatre, thanks to Miss Langworthy and Miss Chamberlain, of Kappa Alpha Theta. There was one meeting, but Kappa Gamma outnumbered all the rest, and we can only hope for better results another year.

These were not the only meetings. There were others, any amount of them, on benches, by the lake, and out on the lake, at concerts, and hot afternoons, when we came to know how much different a thing fraternity spirit was than we had ever dreamed when we first wore the key. Next summer we want to do things. We want at least to be in the same house, if possible, to have a spread in the Kappa dining room three times a day, then there will be little time lost. We hope that many who are not exactly certain whether they will find Chautauqua what they expect, will come to "our house." We want to hear from all who may be coming next summer, no matter for how short a time, and we should be only too glad for suggestions or advice. It will be necessary to make arrangements for a cottage by the first of April, and we hope to hear from all the chapters by that time. The Kappas on the grounds up to August fifteenth were :

Psi—Laura K. Smutz, Louisa Hempstead.

Beta Beta—Zoe Rowland.

Beta Tau—Faith Davis.

Beta Iota—Mrs. Van Auker.

Gamma Rho—Jean Frey, Rebekah Frey, Harriet Hampson, Virginia Davis, Jennie Fowler, Mabel West, Clara Miner, Alice Coulter, Marguerite McClintock, Eleanor Hall, Lee Snook, Bertha Miller, Mrs. Charles Hatch, Mabel Appleby.

Lambda—Belle Slade, Mrs. Lillian Hunter, Edith Auble, Leona Ried.

Beta Delta—Miss Apping.

Iota—Mrs. Minnie Royse Walker.

For information in regard to the Kappa cottage, write to any of the three addresses given :

Miss Clara M. Miner, 500 W. Mahoning St., Punxsutawney, Pa.

Mrs. Guy Morrison Walker, 504 112th St., N. Y. City, N. Y.

Miss Eleanor Hall, 13 Fulton St., Jamestown, N. Y.

CLARA MINER, *Gamma Rho*.

Personal Notes.

PSI.

Edna McNary Colson, who has been living in Cambridge, has returned to Ithaca, where her double-blue dining-room is open to all Kappas at all times.

BETA TAU.

The engagement of Helen Elizabeth Allis, '04, of Syracuse, to Mr. George C. Warren, '04, Delta Upsilon, of England, has been announced.

Born to Professor and Mrs. Dewey Tanner Hawley (Cecile Colvin, ex-'05), on July 22, a boy.

Born to Professor and Mrs. Charles Burr (Jessie Knapp), in June, a girl.

Miss Florence Knapp, '03, has been engaged as a teacher in Syracuse High School.

BETA IOTA.

The engagement of Lulu von Ramdohr, 1903, to Mr. Edouard Palmenburg, of New York City, is announced.

Born, on June 21st, to Mrs. Charles Hodge, née Hallie Haines, a son, Hanson Haines Hodge.

Agnes H. Sibbald, 1904, is traveling in California.

Marie de Montabo expects to return from Europe on September 21st.

GAMMA RHO.

The engagement of Lee Snook, ex-'05, to Mr. Buel Whitehill, of Brookville, Phi Gamma Delta, has been announced.

Mary Colter, '98, has been engaged as a teacher in the Girls' Classical School at Pasadena, Cal.

Sarah Breene, '04, and Winifed Terry, '04, are to teach in the Corry High School the coming year.

The engagement of Louise Bolard, ex-'98, to Mr. David Moore, of New York City, has been announced.

Ada Palm, '03, is to teach in the Turtle Creek High School this year.

Helen Russel, ex-'98, has announced her engagement to Mr. Robison, of Sharon.

BETA GAMMA.

Eleanor Ewing gave a recital in the Arkansas Building of the St. Louis Exposition, on September 6th.

The engagement of Frances A. Glenn to Mr. George Allen Brewer, $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$, has been announced.

Jane Glenn's engagement to Mr. Emory has been more recently announced.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Jared (Bessie King Dalzell), a son, on August 30th, in Cleveland.

BETA NU.

Marion E. Twiss, '97, Exchange Editor and Editor's Deputy, was married at the First Congregational Church, Columbus, Ohio, on June 23, to Mr. William Griswold Smith, $\Delta K E$, Cornell, Secretary of the Tomlins National Institute, a school for music teachers, in Chicago. Mr. and Mrs. Smith are at home at 203 South Fourth street, Aurora, Illinois.

Edna Pratt, '04, will teach at Columbus School for Girls and work at O. S. U. for Master's Degree this year.

Ellen Talbot, '89, Ph. D., Cornell, has a year's leave of absence from the faculty at Mt. Holyoke for study in Germany.

XI.

Ethel Finnicum, who has been teaching in Morgantown, W. Va., the past two years, was married on September 1 to Mr. James Moreland, $K A$ (Southern), a young attorney of Morgantown.

DELTA.

Inez Elliott studied at Columbia University this summer.

Emma Branch Shanklin, '94, whose husband is pastor of the First Methodist Church of Reading, Pa., visited in Bloomington this summer.

Jeff Reeves, of Columbus, Indiana, is spending the summer at St. Joseph, Mich., in order to regain her health after an attack of typhoid fever.

Ethel Lucas, '04, will enter Bryn Mawr this fall.

Mary Beck and Nell Reinhard will spend the year in Germany. They are now traveling through Europe with the latter's parents, Judge and Mrs. Reinhard, of Indiana University.

The following members of Delta attended the annual picnic, held at Spring Lake Park, Indianapolis, July 26: Alta Reeves, Elva Reeves, Nelle Baldwin, Mary Baker, Martha Scott and Ina Clawson.

Grace Norwood has removed from Lebanon, Indiana, to Kokomo, Indiana.

Warda Stevens is at home at the Indiana Building, World's Fair, St. Louis.

Ina Clawson, '05, will teach in the High School at Fountain City, Ind., this year.

Mabel Wadsworth, ex-'02, will return to her home in Rapid City, S. D., after a month's visit with Kappa sisters at Bloomington, Ind., this fall.

Hazel Lillard, of Marion, Ind., will spend two weeks with Kappa sisters at Bloomington, Ind., this fall.

Lila Burnett will re-enter college this fall after a year's absence.

Flossie Rhodes, whose father died recently, will not re-enter college this fall.

Mrs. Lillie Adams Telfer, '79, visited her home chapter in August. Mrs. Telfer attended the Madison, Bloomington, Ind., and Bloomington, Ill., conventions as delegate.

KAPPA.

Mrs. Flora Bailey Dimmers has a baby boy.

Ethel Gurney, '02, will be librarian at Hillsdale College the coming year.

IOTA.

Mrs. Lillian Smith McLain now lives in Chicago.

Ethel Beck, '94, was married to Mr. Elliot this summer.

MU.

Mrs. Tade Hartsuff Kuhns, first Grand President of Kappa Kappa Gamma, sailed on July 12th from San Francisco for a trip around the world.

Mrs. C. B. Coleman (Julia Brown) has gone to Berlin, where her husband is studying. Her stay there will last fifteen months.

Mrs. William J. Karslake has gone to the University of Iowa, Iowa City, where her husband is Professor of Chemistry. Beta Zeta is to be congratulated.

Mrs. Kate Hadley Buchanan now lives in Evanston, Ill.

CHI.

Married: August 29, 1904, Mary Everett Hawley, '96, to Dr. Edward Mathias Zeb Hawkes, of Newark, New Jersey.

BETA ZETA.

Bertha Kriechbaum, '04, will be professor of Latin and German in Lamoni College, Lamoni, Iowa, this year.

Marie Lynch, '04, will teach Latin and German in the Le Mars, Iowa, High School.

Fan Lilly, '04, has accepted a position as teacher in Malcom, Iowa.

Makepeace Morris, '04, will teach German and History in the High School at Hawarden, Iowa.

Gladys Whitley, '03, has been elected instructor of Latin, in the Webster City High School.

Alice Ankeney Von Ende will reside in Iowa City the coming year and become a member of the Iowa City Alumnae Association.

Pauline Crouse will attend Chicago Kindergarten College.

The engagement of Alice McGee, '01, to Preston Beale is announced.

THETA.

Lulabelle Wooldridge, from Boonville, Mo., will be with us again, as she is to be an assistant in the English department.

Mary Walker, M. A., '04, has an instructorship in mathematics.

Monta J. Boyer, Φ B K, '92, traveled in Europe during the summer.

Ella Read, one of our Columbia girls, was married on June 21, 1904, to Derby Bass. It was a home wedding, only the family and the Kappas being present.

Mary Turpin, 1896-97, was married to Charles S. Wright, and will make Carrollton her home.

Ida Hayes, 1879, who spent a month with her sister, Mrs. Emma Hayes Guthrie, returned to her missionary work at Puerto Rico in August.

Mrs. Gretta Hayes Withers, Mrs. Mary Lee Read and Mrs. Louise Harris Holland spent the summer in Columbia.

Maude Barnes, '04, of Fort Smith, will teach in that city this year.

Leota Dockery will teach science in the High School of California, Mo.

Helen Montgomery, '03, has a scholarship in mathematics.

Ella Busch, '02 and '04, will teach German and French in Decatur, Ill., High School.

Mrs. Emmet North (Maud Isbell, '96) is living in St. Louis.

Ada Howard is teaching in Columbia.

SIGMA.

Married: April 5th, 1904, Mabel Kimball, ex-'06, to Claire R. Mudge, Phi Gamma Delta. At home, Wilmington, Delaware.

Married: June 30th, 1904, Anna Hammond, '04, to Ray Elliott, Sigma Alpha Epsilon. At home, Lincoln, Nebraska.

Eleanor Raymond has returned home, after having spent the year in New York.

Mrs. Fred C. Williams (Adelloyd Whiting), after visiting her sister, Mrs. Theodore Westermann, in St. Louis, spent the greater part of the summer in Lincoln.

Adele Lathrop, who has been spending the winter with Louise Pound, has returned to New York City, where she is an instructor in the Horace Mann School.

Blanche and Louise Hargreaves, who spent the past winter in Berlin, are now in London and are expected home late in October.

Inez Manrid has discontinued her university work, and has gone to Oak Park, Chicago, to reside.

Claire Funke has returned to Lincoln after a year at La Salle Seminary, Massachusetts.

Stella Kirker and Olivia Pound spent part of their summer at the University of Chicago.

Helen Field, of Shenandoah, Iowa, spent several days in Lincoln during the summer, as the guest of Nelly Griggs.

Olive States, ex-'05, has accepted a position in a Colorado school for this year.

OMEGA.

Margaret E. Wise was married to Mr. William Sutton on June 9th, at Lawrence. She will live in Peru, Kansas.

Edith Scholey has just returned from abroad.

Lida Stanton won the French fellowship offered by Kansas State University and will attend there this fall.

BETA MU.

Della Gardner was married to Mr. Wilson Turman, B © II, this summer, and will live in Denver. Mrs. Turman hopes to attend the University of Colorado this fall and finish, there, for a degree.

BETA ETA.

The engagement of Clara Martin, '00, to Otis Wight, '98, Z Ψ, has been announced.

The engagement of Eva Marion Wheeler, '02, to Edward Dean Lyman, '04, Σ A E, has been announced.

The engagement of Ida Belle Henzel, ex-'04, to Joseph Adams Miller, Jr., '03, Σ X, has been announced.

Born to Gertrude Martin Gregory, '98, a boy.

Born to Jessie Knepper Smith, '02, a boy.

Katharine Gridley, '04, has received a position as teacher of Greek and Latin in the San Diego High School.

Jean Henry has returned from a two years' stay in Berlin, where she has been studying music.

Anne Martin is traveling in Europe.

In Memoriam.

ETHEL RICHARDS.

Not only has each individual Kappa suffered a severe affliction in the death of Ethel Richards, but the fraternity at large has lost one of its most active and interested members.

She was of a very sweet, lovable disposition, absolutely unselfish and ever heartily devoted to her family, whom she loved beyond all measure; most loyal to her fraternity and her friends, and always faithful in every capacity.

No one whom we have ever known was so closely in touch with the life about her, and no one ever inspired a warmer love.

None but the bereaved family can appreciate our loss, and in this hour of sorrow and trial we extend to them our most heartfelt sympathy.

Delta.

CONVENTION VISITORS.

Following is a partial list of the delegates and visitors registered at Christian College:

Beta Nu.

Bernice Davis,
Edna Pratt,
Ethel Bryce,
Florence Covert,
Florence Sackett,
Ruth Sherman,
Ethyl Woodbury,
Mary F. Hunt.

Beta Xi.

Katherine A. Searcy,
Carrie Gardner,
Anna J. Gardner,
Charlie L. Thurman,
Mary Willis Stedman,
Ethel A. Morey,
Alma K. Jones,
Lucile Wathen,
Howard Hearne,
Eva Sodrikson,
Lolla Judas,
Virginia Rice.

Beta Omicron.

Hilda M. Blount,
Mary Minor,
Charlotte Prentiss,
Kittie Monroe,
Hazel Ellis.

Delta.

Grace Norwood,
Ethel Simmons,
Verba Laughlin,
Mrs. L. M. Beck,
Mrs. B. F. Adams,
Ruby Bollenbacher,
Elva Reeves,
Mary C. Baker.

Iota.

Jessye Lawler,
Estelle Ham,
Bess Baer,
E. Jean Nelson-Penfield,
Minnie R. Walker,
Elia W. McFarland.

Chi.

Harriet Armstrong,
Vera L. Morey,
Helen Clarke,
Cleora Clark Wheeler,
Avery Trask.

Mu.

Ruth Allerdice,
Essie Hunter,
Sarah C. Powell,
Irma Brayton,
Edna Wallace,
Mai Brevoort.

Gamma Rho.

Sarah L. Breene,
Phylinda Gaston,
Helen McClintock.

Pi.

Marion Morrow,
Elizabeth F. Gray,
Lutie G. Ruch.

THE KEY.

Omega.

Maud Olander,
Grace Sing,
Edith M. Scholer.

Kappa.

Edith Cold,
Della K. McIntosh.

Psi.

Elizabeth M. Rhodes,
Mary M. Crawford.

Phi.

Emma L. Fall.

Xi.

Mary J. McCollum.

Epsilon.

Louise McIntyre,
Emma Parker,
Julia Holder,
Martha M. Hoult.

Lambda.

Clara Bronse.

Eta.

Agnes Louise Walsh.

Sigma.

Claire Franke,
Gladys Hargraves.

Beta Epsilon.

Alice Haskell.

Beta Mu.

Irene Parks,
Mary E. Lamon.

Beta Delta.

Florence E. Burton,
Ruth E. Harrison.

Beta Tau.

Frances H. Thayer,
Mabel Cheney.

Beta Zeta.

Ruth Paxson,
Florence K. Barns,
Mrs. Ella R. Berry,
Joanna G. Strange.

Beta Gamma.

Mary McKinley,
Altai A. Floyd.

Beta Eta.

Eulavelle Sweetland.

Beta Iota.

Margaret Craig.

Upsilon.

Hazel M. Schnaebele,
Ella H. Bradley,
Edith I. Bradley.

Beta Lambda.

Florence V. Hunter.

Beta Alpha.

I. May Solly.

Seattle Alumna.

Ada V. Starkweather.

Theta at Columbia, Mo.

Jessie Blair,
Irene Blair,
Ethel Ardella Dockery,
Leota L. Dockery,
Margaret Murta,
Edith Stoner,
Laura Klein,
Alice Ewing Johnston,
Lulabelle Wooldridge,
Florence Robinson,
Rose Burns,
Hallie Prentiss,
Vassie Ballard,
Madge Robertson,
Mrs. I. S. Ridge,
Mrs. Frank Read,
Ella Busch,
Louise McCarthy,
Mrs. Neal B. Marshall,
Mary M. Marshall.

Chicago Alumna.

Ida Bonnell Otstott.



P ARTHENON

**Kappa in
the South.**

The question of Southern expansion, which was discussed in the Parthenon of the last issue of the KEY, is one which is destined to be of considerable moment to all Kappas within the next decade. It has a larger and more far-reaching meaning than at first appears, for though conservatism has ever been one of the most powerful characteristics in keeping Kappa foremost in the ranks of the fraternities, still there is a significance in her step Southward which even the most conservative will undoubtedly appreciate. The idea that the finest Southern girls do not attend colleges belongs to a past generation and is now quite obsolete, at least in that part of the country. The Southern people have ever been thoroughly appreciative of the influence of college education, but it is only within the last score of years that the South has sufficiently recovered from that awful period of reconstruction to muster funds for the equipment of colleges which they considered worthy of their finest young women. However, with the New South this difficulty has been overcome, so that now the typical Southern girl is a college graduate in nine cases out of ten.

But the entrance of Kappa into the "Land of the Palm and the Pine" means even more. It is a step towards "that great far-off divine event towards which the whole creation moves," for it brings in closer contact than anything else could, perhaps, the two formerly hostile sections of the country through the finest and most sensitive medium—their educated women. What girl whose soul has thrilled with enthusiasm for dear old Kappa has failed to appreciate the bigness and broadness of it all? Whose love for the individual in her chapter has not expanded and broadened in such a degree as to really include those whom she may never have seen and yet with whom she feels in absolute sympathy. It is but a stride towards the brotherhood of man which none could more truly realize and appreciate than do the two new Southern chapters, to whom we trust Kappa may always look for the staunchest fraternity spirit.

Beta Omicron.

Kappa Dignity.

The rushing problem is one which is agitating so many of the chapters deeply these days—one which is being so much discussed as to be almost commonplace, in spite of the desire, expressed by a clever delegate, of her chapter to “go up against” a worthy rival. Owing to conditions existing in some of our institutions of learning it seems almost necessary for us to get out and rush if we expect to keep our position as a chapter and as a national fraternity—especially when there is a rush and spike of only a few days’ duration. Even when there is a Pan-Hellenic contract appointing a pledge day three or more months after matriculation, the difficulty is by no means eliminated. Indeed, in some cases, such a contract has been productive only of a long scramble—undignified, awfully—on the part of upper-class fraternity girls after ungrateful young freshmen who certainly are not made to see, by this means, the desirability and exclusiveness of “the best fraternity.” And so it has come to be to us a very grave problem, which Beta Xi, young and inexperienced as she is, has by no means solved, and we should be very grateful to our older sisters for help and advice.

Certainly, Kappa standards and Kappa dignity must be upheld, yet rushing cannot be entirely disregarded. We are to have a short rush this year and we have planned to let *individual* work be our main campaign, thus doing away with much of unseemly toasting, dining and fêting of future Kappas. And we are determined to hold up before our college world the desirability of a fraternity like ours—a cordial, “big-hearted” fraternity, but one which can never stoop to that which does not savor of dignity in every sense.

M. W. S., *Beta Xi*.

Remember**Our Ideal.**

Most of us prove ourselves sufficiently wide-awake in the practical side of fraternity life; we are not slow to appreciate certain advantages, nor do we spare effort to procure them. Justly we desire our fraternity to draw within its bond the best and brightest of girls. Justly we desire to have our worth appreciated by those in power in college or town. We have a pride in the outward showing of our chapter, which is well enough within certain limits, but which leads us too often to forget our ideal. How

often do we bethink ourselves of the true standard of Kappa Kappa Gamma in the ins and outs of college life? We think that such and such an office for one of our members would add outward lustre to the chapter. We think that such and such a reception or tea to the faculty ladies would insure our reputation. We are too apt to invite a girl merely because we think she will bring us college honors; which are welcome truly and by no means to her discredit if otherwise she is our dear companion. But our ideal, which is our true bond, each year renewed, with Kappas new and old, which, if I may take the liberty to say, is the fraternity's noblest excuse for existence, becomes, shortly after initiation, as if it were not, or at best is pressed into the background by more imperative business. This business may be perfectly legitimate and most necessary to be attended to before other considerations. My plea is only this—that in all we do we remember our ideal, that every least thing be done with that in mind, that Kappa's ideal become our life's ideal, a real and present ideal in doings of fraternity and individual; for college glories pass away and chapters have their ups and downs, but that ideal and the influence it may have upon character is eternal.

Psi.

While our more fortunate fraternity sisters are enjoying the closing days of convention, we, who
Thoughts of a are at home, can at least be forming the fratern-
Stay at Home. ity new year's resolutions of the kind that we
 know we should—must—carry out if we are to keep our chapter
 moving upward and onward.

Our Grand Council and delegates may spend a week together working out fraternity questions, and much surely is gained through this exchange of ideas from North, West, East and South, but in the end what can it count unless we of the chapters work together and shoulder to shoulder for Kappa?

Initiations should not be held until the ones who have assumed the responsibility of the chapter offices have made the wheels begin to work smoothly. The new girl comes to college with the impression stamped upon her mind that the fraternity life is the ideal college life and is quick to detect its weaknesses. Let us see to it that those first impressions are kept; see to it that she is made to feel that Kappa Kappa Gamma is strong in deed as

well as in word ; see to it that that strength becomes a greater and greater revelation to her as she puts on our badge and is given the password that admits her to our chapter meetings and makes her one with us.

We have a right to be proud of our badge. May we never falter in our trust. For in the degree that each one of us fulfills our duty to our chapter, in that degree—no more, no less—will the chapter, the ones to whom we are trusting the future piloting of our fraternity, and ourselves, have reached the end towards which we strive.

And how? “Don’t” columns are easy to fill and easy to find, and as easily disregarded. Besides, we do not need to look far—only far enough to see the badge we wear, read there the significance of our key, the motto that “K K I” sets before us, and know that our best efforts for our fraternity are well worth while.

J. E. B.

Chapter

Kodak Albums :

A Suggestion.

The kodak fad has taken possession of the land. Why not turn this to good account by having each chapter keep a kodak album? Such a book would contain chapter room pictures, views on the college campus, and bits of Kappa camp life. The freshman turning over its leaves would catch more of the chapter atmosphere than could be gained by reading a volume of reports ; without any effort she would grow familiar with the faces of the alumnae, and feel herself one with them. How pleasant, too, for the old graduates to look over the pictures, and enjoy reminiscences of the times when they were in the chapter, and see what the girls are doing now. Of course they have heard all about it, but there is so much satisfaction in seeing for one’s self.

So much for the purely selfish gains. Think how much a collection of such albums would mean at convention ! We look eagerly at the chapter photographs, and read the reports carefully, but would not each one of us prize a peep at the informal side of the life of our sisters in distant chapters? We want to participate in all their pleasures, and see them, as it were, in undress uniform. Would not these chapter kodak albums do much to promote the feeling of intimacy, and help to bind us still more closely in our broad national sisterhood?

LILY S. MURRAY, *Beta Epsilon*.

How familiar to us all the expression from the lips of a fellow-student, "Oh, he's a regular grind!" — and the accompanying deprecatory shrug of the shoulders! We students who take

The College things easily use the term carelessly, almost brutally; but there is, nevertheless, a certain amount of justice in the reproach which the epithet implies. It is an essentially modern term, coming with the growing importance of social life as a factor in the modern college world. In the early days of old-world university education and the college training of our own country, the scholar's life was the life of the recluse. The change has come partly through the admission of all classes of students to our modern institutions, with a much larger per cent. than in former days, of those not possessing the real scholarly instincts. But while the rapidly increasing tendency to enlarge the social life is liable to be carried to extremes, the university or college life with its moderate share of social pleasure is unquestionably the broadening one.

The person who, having spent four years within the college walls in mere "digging," comes forth in the belief that he has received a "college education," is really in possession of only half of this education which lies open to him, and probably the half which will be of least value in coming years. It has become an almost trite expression in recent years that book-learning is a small part of education; and modern educators realize the importance of that learning to be gained through close association and social intercourse with fellow-students.

The "grind" who is proud of being a "grind" and holds himself above all social pleasures is a hard person to deal with; but there are also those who deny themselves the social life from what they deem necessity, or lack the confidence to make a place for themselves socially, and these, at least, it lies within the power of every interested fellow-student to help. By expanding our hearts just a little, and broadening our circle of friendships, we can aid them in realizing the importance of a little jolly good fun mingled with their work, and perhaps some day open the eyes of the willful "grind" to the fact that a person may still retain his dignity, and be animated by a serious purpose in life, while indulging moderately in dances and card parties.

AMY SAUNDERS, *Lambda*.

Fraternity Spirit. We take our vows solemnly, reverently, with absolute trust and implicit confidence that we will ever after be loyal Kappas. For how could we be anything else? Are not the girls who have initiated us those whom we prefer, whom we ourselves have chosen? Probably during our freshman year, our fraternity life will glide peacefully and happily on. Then will come one of the many inevitable disputes. We cannot endure that our opinion which we know to be honest and which we feel to be correct should be overruled even by our more experienced sisters. Then comes the true test of fraternity spirit. There is only one thing to do, and that is to yield quietly and without enmity, trusting to the hard-won experience of those girls who have done so much for us and without whose influence we should never have known the blessings of Kappa ties. Any other course would be impracticable, unwise and disloyal. Let us seek, then, to be endowed with a teachable spirit, so that when our turn comes we may guide with a clearer vision and a steadier hand than our predecessors—thus raising not only the standard of our little chapter but also of our great fraternity.

Phi.

Aftermath of Fraternity Life. As we look back upon our fraternity life, with regret that it is in one sense past, but with joy that we can never lose the fullness and the strength of Kappa, what is it that we seem to have gained most from it—to have made most a part of ourselves?

While we are still in college, we think often, it is true, of how much the fraternity means to us—of the higher aspirations it constantly holds out—of the strength and significance of the bonds of Kappa; but yet to those who have in graduation left the more active joys of this life behind them, and who thus see these things in some sense in perspective, there is vouchsafed perhaps, in compensation, a broader glimpse of all that Kappa means. To the freshman the ideals of the fraternity, while yet vivid to her, are in a way too broad and general to make very effectively for true fraternity life, but with each additional year, there comes to her a deeper sense of how real a thing our vows should be to us, and the knowledge that in striving to carry out these vows, she is attaining to greater unselfishness, to more con-

stant consideration for others, and through it all to a sense of the very spirit of Kappa. And it is this strong sense of what we may call the "fraternity spirit"—the embodiment of unselfish consideration of others and constant endeavor to be true to the highest within us—it is this spirit that, growing deeper with each added year in college, appeals to us now in leaving it, to be our chiefest gain from fraternity life—the true aftermath of Kappa. To many that life seems to be narrowing and exclusive in its effect, but we who have indeed *lived* Kappa, know that it can be made to be not narrowing, but broadening in its tendency—that our love for our sisters in the bonds may lead us to but care more for others—that our appreciation of *their* friendship may but teach us the value and meaning of friendship as a world-force; that Kappa Kappa Gamma is, indeed, not exclusive, but inclusive in the broadest sense—inclusive of all that works most effectively toward the truest and best college life.

MARGARET BURKHALTER, *Beta Eta*.

The Value

of Convention.

To many Kappas who have been taken into our fraternity within the last two years, convention may be little more than a name. Occasionally we hear our former delegates speak of how much it means to a girl to have been able to attend convention; but we are so thoroughly wrapped up in our own chapter and its special interests, that the different life and conditions in other chapters mean little to us. No chapter can afford to lose sight of the broad, puzzling questions which others have to deal with.

If fraternity means anything it means friendship, and no friend is worthy of the name who does not understand our point of view, and who does not sympathize with us in our perplexities. Different chapters, because of their own peculiar life, necessarily have different questions to consider, but that should in no way put them out of touch with Kappahood in general. This is the great fact which convention brings out. We meet upon common ground and discuss those things which are of interest to the fraternity at large. We are made to feel how broad and deep the interests are which can bring together women from every part of our great land, as friends, standing for the same high principles and striving toward the fulfillment of the same ideals.

Too often college women are misjudged, and it is our especial duty to prove to the criticising world that we, as Kappas, stand for something more than the development of our minds. That is of so little importance unless side by side there goes a steady development of the heart. It is, of course, the aim of each chapter to work for both these ends, but discouragements will come, and convention is undoubtedly the spur which makes us all hasten home with the encouragement which we all need, individually and as chapters.

If each Kappa will but hold fast to the determination that she will consider the development of her heart and mind of equal importance in her college life, we will give to the world a type of woman who shall truly stand as an example of the highest and best education, as well as of true womanhood.

I. MAY SOLLY, *B. A.*

She was a college freshman, and had only been
"Long Live Kappa." a Kappa for a few months, yet that had been long enough to make her a very loyal little sister.

But there had been so much to learn during that short time, that there was no opportunity for her to gain perspective and to realize what was the "enduring love of Kappa." Now the year was over. Though she had told no one, yet she felt that possibly she might not return next year, so college life and dear Kappa were now to be left behind. And it was a sad and pensive maiden who lingered last of all on the house steps watching the blue of the lake mingle with the distant blue of the sky, to carry away a memory of the beautiful blues anyway.

A little later, as she was speeding away on the train, a downward glance showed her the tiny Key nestled near her heart. "Dear little Key," she murmured, "you go with me at least, don't you?" Just then a beautiful woman with such a pin upon her gown glanced at our maiden as she was passing, and the little Keys speedily fitted themselves into their keyholes and unlocked the gates of friendship. After a time the gentle tact of the elder drew forth the reason for our freshman's sadness. "Why, dear," she said, "you need not leave Kappa behind you for an instant. Take it with you wherever you go; I am sure you will carry on its beautiful influence. I have been a Kappa for eight years and

it has been a very beautiful thought to me, all that time, to feel that I belong to such a large and happy family ; and loving all my sisters with such a strong love has made me love the whole world better. Take Kappa with you, dear little sister, wherever you go, and if you find it is making you a better woman, more true and unselfish and helpful, then you are rightly cherishing the true blues and the Golden Key, and all they mean to us. And if ever you are lonely and weary, let them remind you of all the sisters who are watching and waiting to stand by you in sorrow, to rejoice and be glad with you in your success, and to love you through it all." And our little Kappa smiled in joy once more.

Sisters, we too take Kappa with us wherever we go. It should be one of the influences which make us broader in mind, truer in heart, more unselfish in action and gentler in all our dealings with mankind. And if it is really helping us to become so, and is making life pleasanter for those about us, whether they are our fraternity sisters or not, then we are honoring Kappa as it should be honored, and making others feel like saying as we say it, "Long live Kappa!"

AMY ALLEN, *Eta Chapter.*

Some Words Advice is not often very enthusiastically followed. The adviser usually has his labor for his pains. Nevertheless, it is so easily given, and costs so little to the giver, that the temptation to be liberal with it is for the most part too strong to be resisted.

to Freshmen. The advice to be given here to new members in the ranks of Kappa Kappa Gamma is this: Be *intelligently active* in the fraternity and in its immediate circle. Never, if you can help it, be a "deadhead" in any organization you join. Contribute something. Do not always receive. Help to carry the chapter, or any other organization or institution with which you may have to do. Do not make it carry you. Undertake your share of the tasks and responsibilities, and then do it well. Do it *punctually*, not hours or days or weeks too late. Do it completely, not leaving the frayed edges to be attended to by someone else.

These words are addressed especially to freshmen because the freshman year in college or fraternity life is undoubtedly the

critical one. Show in your first year the stamina to resist the many temptations, direct and indirect, of the new life, and to avail yourself of the opportunities it offers for good; do all of your tasks in no slipshod or idle fashion, and the path for the rest of your course lies straight before you. You are soon recognized as one to be relied on and to be trusted, a distinct help to your college and to your chapter. Let the contrary be true, and it is rightly taken as prophetic of your future. Habits of inertia, of moral or intellectual dependence, of selfish absorption, of receiving and never giving, once yielded to, are not easily shaken off or lived down.

Sigma.

I heard of an incident the other day which
Inter-Fraternity seems to me to show a true sense of inter-
Courtesy. fraternity respect and courtesy. A fraternity
man while walking along one of the streets of
an eastern city, noticed the pin of a rival fraternity on a man
approaching him. The fellow could not believe that this man
seemingly a vagrant could rightfully wear the pin. So going up
to him and inquiring where he got that pin, the tramp told him
he had found it in a ditch. The young fellow asked him how
much he would take for it; and when the man named his price,
a good round sum, the money was paid unhesitatingly, and the
pin then delivered to a man whom the collegian knew, a member
of the rival fraternity.

Beta Iota.

The old subject of our attitude toward those
College Girls college girls outside our own fraternity is before
Outside Our us again. While the aim of Kappa should be to
Own Fraternity. cement the bond of friendship between ourselves,
it should not follow that that very bond should make a gulf
between ourselves and other girls. If the college fraternity has
the effect of making its members clanish, it must be looked upon
as a very great evil. The influence will then be narrowing and
warp the future of every girl who falls within the circle of fra-
ternity life.

Let every Kappa make a friend of a fine girl, wherever she may
see her, whether in a college class or in another fraternity. Let
us look for the good and the true in those outside our own happy
circle, forgetting and forgiving their faults. Remember that each

and every one of us has some trait of character that may not appeal to those out of the circle of Kappa Kappa Gamma. Of course loyalty toward one another is to be highly commended, but if that loyalty has the effect of making us see no good in others, it becomes petty bias.

The criticism of fraternity life is truthfully made when it deprives a girl of the privilege and pleasure of having close friends among the strongest girls in college, who may not belong to the Greek letter fraternity chosen by her. With the realization of the danger, however, comes the righting of the fault. Therefore, it is my purpose to appeal to every Kappa to seek the good in others, and to have at least one good friend who does not have every college pleasure in common with herself.

ELISE WENZELBURGER GRAUPNER, B. L.,
University of California, '02.

A Request.

As everyone is anxious to know as much as possible about the things and people one is interested in, so the members of a fraternity are anxious to know personally the women who compose their governing body. This of course is impossible except to those who are so fortunate as to be able to attend convention; and while the visits of the members of the Grand Council to the chapters do much to make the relationship closer, still in this way we can meet and know only one of the five officers.

We, Beta Zeta, suggest that the pictures of the new Grand Council be published in the next issue of the KEY so that every Kappa may become familiar with the faces of those who devote so much time and energy to the interests of our fraternity.

ALICE REMLEY.

The World's

Fairest.

Not only does Missouri claim the World's Fair but within her borders for a time she entertains the *World's Fairest*, or representatives of them, at least,—the girls of Kappa Kappa Gamma. The Seventeenth National Convention has meant to all the chapters a broadening of knowledge—one of the others—and a deepening of sympathetic interest among them. The full meaning, tender and beautiful, of the word "sisterhood" never

comes so forcibly to us until the high privilege is ours of attending a convention like the one just closing. The names of those whose close friendship we have enjoyed for a week may remain with us a short time only, the memory of their faces will linger perhaps longer, but never can any Kappa forget the spirit of the convention—the love one for another which remains to make the lives of each and all more beautiful.

Xi.



EDITORIAL.

The Convention.

THE seventeenth bi-ennial convention of Kappa Kappa Gamma was a success in the deepest sense of the word. Not in the blowing of trumpets, not in the inauguration of radical changes, not in point of numbers, we believe, the largest convention the fraternity has held ; but in far-reaching results and sane and beautiful remembrances, its success cannot be measured.

To those who spent the happy week at Columbia, under the kindly hospitality of Theta, the remembrance is enough ; to those who had to "stay at home" the results will appeal most strongly, and fortunate the KEY will be if it can convey to these latter the secret of the convention, the key-note of its harmony, the essence of its peculiar worth and accomplishment. We trust the delegates to carry home the atmosphere of zeal and delightful companionship which characterized the meeting and the articles printed in this our last number of the magazine endeavor to tell all that can be shared by outsiders, all that private communications do not bring. But certain points bear emphasizing.

First and foremost among the beneficial movements of this convention, we rank the step toward active reform in social regulations in co-educational colleges. Mrs. Penfield is our worthy representative and we earnestly assure all the "stay-at-homes" that if they read her words carefully they have secured perhaps the cream of convention. That Kappa should take her definite stand in the van of this movement appears to us a glorious fact.

The encouragement of further Grand Council visiting of chapters is another inspiring note, and is but an indorsement of the retiring Grand President's unfailing tact, ability and grace which made her visits immediately popular and valuable. Other members of the council did valuable visiting, but to Mrs. Westermann, largely, we believe, belongs the success of this venture.

To the retiring Grand Registrar and present Grand President belongs the greatest credit for bringing up to their present condition of almost completion and perfection the archives on which Mignon Talbot, Beta Nu, '92, did so much work.

The Grand Secretary was enthusiastically re-elected and has well earned her new freedom and comparative leisure, for her work is now lightened, convention having handed over some of her duties, very properly, to the Grand Historian.

The recent addition to our chapter-roll was enthusiastically re-indorsed, the attitude toward southern extension and extension in general was well defined in the Grand President's reports and in her valedictory all Kappas felt their highest ideals expressed, their noblest aims interpreted.

The banquet, with 136 sisters singing gloriously about the long, brilliant tables, laden with American beauties, was a fitting feast to close it all, and certainly no convention ended with a more perfect feeling of unity and concord, of serene consciousness of achievement and of confident hopes for future success and progress.

May the KEY of October, 1906, have as great a success to record.

M. E. T. S., *Editor's Deputy.*

Some of the Features.

TO THE stay-at-home editor has come a glorious report of the convention from a variety of sources. One feature that has impressed and pleased her is the news that the girls had an unusually good time together and that there was an absence of cliques and grouping of certain chapters. One writer says that midnight "spreads and other pleasant diversions brought the visitors much closer together than any other convention crowd." The building of the Christian College—which housed all visitors except the council (who stayed at Theta chapter house)—a fine, large structure with comfortable rooms and an annex, and a pretty little chapel where some of the business sessions were held, made these conditions and results possible. The lovely grounds, too, were appreciated by the guests.

In this day of criticism of fraternities it may be well to emphasize the fact that much of the benefit which the entertaining chapter derives from convention comes from the larger ideas of the fraternity which is gained by the people of the community as

they meet those attending convention. It is a part of the obligation of convention that those attending should be ready for inspection, as it were, by the friends—and foes—of the entertaining chapter.

Prize Key Awarded.

NEWMAN, the jeweler, donated a full set pearl key, which was to be presented at convention to the active member writing the best parthenon article to the KEY in the last two years. The judges, the retiring Grand President and Editor, decided in favor of Miss Adele Lathrop, of Sigma, whose article on "A Plea for Real Public Spirit," which appeared in July, '04, was so full of helpful, practical suggestions to the fraternity, whose members are trying to be "inclusive." Mrs. Marion E. T. Smith presented the pin to Sigma's delegate, in Miss Lathrop's absence. Honorable mention must also be made of two other excellent articles, one from "Beta Eta," called "My Kappa Symphony," and "The Fraternity in College Politics," by Anna C. Reiley, Beta Upsilon, both of which appeared in October, 1903. All three of these are commended to active and alumnae Kappas for re-reading.

To the New Editor.

IN the days when Minnetta T. Taylor founded the first fraternity journal for women, the number of Kappa chapters was small, news came from correspondents after much solicitation and the reports were in need of careful editing. Really the interests of the college women in those days were so few and so narrow, comparatively speaking, that the editor had little chance to print effective articles on vital subjects pertaining to education. But now the womanly college woman who is a force in the college circle for four years, and in her own community after graduation is in demand and is appreciated to such an extent, that we fraternity editors have unusual opportunities in recording the success of our members. All of the phases and problems of co-education are ours to report and to help in the solution, and there is ample chance for the present day journal to publish news from the colleges all over this land.

To the editorial chair, of Kappa Kappa Gamma, full of possibilities for influencing 4,000 wearers of the Key, to become interested, helpful assistants in the work of making co-education a permanent system, and abounding in opportunities of making the lives of each and all more expressive of our ideals, comes Miss Adele Lathrop. We have no fear of the future of the KEY. With Miss Lathrop's experience, skill and interest our journal is in safe hands. May the pleasures of the work be commensurate with the many vexing details of the routine labor and may she find that the more intimate association with zealous Kappas from coast to coast will be a very rich experience. This is the wish of one whose editorial work in the last four years will always be a dear remembrance.

Exchanges, Notice!

PLEASE send exchanges in the future to—

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A Plea for Real Public Spirit.

[The prize pin was given for this article.—From THE KEY, July, 1904.]

One is better able during the summer, when away from the center of immediate college activity, to see clearly the relations of things and to get adequate perspective in one's view of college affairs and conditions. It seems well then, at this time, in the midst of memories of the year past and anticipations of that to come, to give serious consideration to some of the many important phases of fraternity life.

Nothing is easier or less profitable than to formulate stereotyped generalities upon such subjects as "fraternity spirit" and "fraternity ideals," and much too often such conventional generalizations are substituted for the realities. It seems trite to re-affirm that every chapter of every fraternity should be an important factor for good in university life; but this is really more than a mere platitude, and should be recognized as such.

A fraternity chapter means a permanently organized group of congenial students, and therefore is prepared to be a more effective force than it is possible for any group of students uncongenial and temporarily organized to be. A chapter which promotes fraternity interests and fraternity spirit to the exclusion or diminution of active and efficient interest and participation in college life and affairs, is a detriment; is, to use a strong but justifiable term, a nuisance and not a help to the college, and should be condemned as such. A fraternity should be not only interested in all features of college life, but should encourage active and sustained participation in college affairs. It should support and promote all general organizations, and should give ready and cheerful co-operation in all college enterprises and lines of work, social, business, religious, athletic, literary or otherwise.

College officers and authorities are working for the ultimate good of the whole student body. So fraternity officers and all members should endeavor to show broad and healthful public spirit; and this should not be restricted to the assuming of responsibilities which are attended with power or distinction, but be manifest in the places where hard work, silent help, is needed, and where neither prominence nor glory is to be expected. A girl who enters a fraternity surely should not thereby cut herself

off from the activities and interests to which she has looked forward as "college life," but by her alliance with the organization should enter into that college life more completely and more abundantly.

Surely we should foster the spirit of democracy in college associations, of "inclusiveness" rather than exclusiveness in relations with girls of other fraternities, and non-fraternity girls as well. Any individual or any organization can be "exclusive." Nothing is easier, or less profitable, or more pleasing to the spirit of vanity and shallow self-content; but it takes breadth of spirit, high-minded insight, generosity of purpose, and real security of position, to be "inclusive" in the best sense of the word; and the latter is the better ideal.

ADELE LATHROP, *Sigma*.

A Kappa Symphony.

[This received Honorable Mention at Convention.—From THE KEY, October, 1903.]

To accept what each day may bring, unless through my own endeavor I can better myself and those whom my life may concern; to value the present, because it is one with the past and future which are mine to make, or to mar; to strive only for what I believe to be highest and best, holding others to no standard which I cannot maintain for myself; to be thankful for, and improve the privileges which are mine as a college woman, bearing in mind the added responsibility that devolves upon me because of them; to hold high the honor of my fraternity, tempering word and deed according to the influence they will and must have, upon the colors I bear; finally, to give in all things the best that I have; this is to be my Kappa symphony.

Beta Eta.

The Fraternity in College Politics.

[This received Honorable Mention at Convention.—From THE KEY, October, 1903.]

Is it fair or wise to use the power of the fraternity to influence class or student elections?

The answer to this question by non-fraternity students is emphatically in the negative, and also in the societies themselves there is no small disagreement of opinion. The arguments against

any such attempt on the part of a fraternity are two-fold. The first is speculative, but has a strong presumption of truth. It is that decisions gained by the weight which an entire, united fraternity throws on the side of a question may not and often do not represent the will of the majority of the whole class or student body. For within the fraternity itself the same question may previously have come to an issue and the decisions so reached have compelled the allegiance of a strong minority. The loyalty of these students to their fraternity may conquer their personal convictions and they might often go to the class or students' meeting and vote down the best candidate or defeat the good and truly popular motion. It is clear that a result so reached may not be the free and unbiased will of the majority.

The second argument against any concerted action of a college fraternity in matters that affect any larger body of students appeals more broadly to our college sympathies. It is the familiar one that it hurts "class and college spirit." The statements used in support of the plea are based on the feeling that such a result cannot be avoided when a class is split up into different sets and cliques of girls and also in the actual effect of the system in the colleges where fraternities prevail. In hearing the pros and cons of this argument we confess that we often wish to hear more about this so-called "college spirit." What is its real value while we are here in college and what will it mean to us in the years that follow? To explain just what it means is not easy, for only those know it who have felt this finest of all college enthusiasms. We catch at its significance when we see the meeting of two "war-worn veterans" who were "classmates at old Nassau" or "hung together for four years down at Bowdoin," and we smile at the instant leveling of all distinctions of the long years. "College spirit," which is only class spirit of a larger growth, is one of the sentiments that are good to cherish. It is of the same order as the greater one of patriotism. Our history shows that a loyal collegian makes a devoted patriot.

And there is one thing more to be said about "college spirit," it is a truth thoroughly tried and proved. No college can have an effective alumni association unless the enthusiasms of that body are founded on deep "college spirit." It is easy to go farther and show that the greatest strength of any college is in the loyalty and devotion of its alumni. Any force, therefore, that

tends to sow the seeds of jealousy, division and discontent within the student body will be the cause of a ranker growth in the indifference of the graduates and the weakness of what should be the strongest bulwark of the alma mater.

If, therefore, we find that our fraternities are concerning themselves so deliberately with college elections as to hinder the free decision of the majority, or are promoting discontent among the students, there is no course but to recommend that the fraternities concern themselves only with questions relating to internal and personal affairs.

ANNA C. REILEY, *Beta Epsilon*.



REPORT OF THE Third Inter-Sorority Conference.

THE Third Inter-Sorority Conference was called by Delta Gamma at Chicago, September 16th and 17th, 1904. The opening session was held at the Columbus Safety Deposit Vaults on the afternoon of September 16th, followed by an all-day session in the parlors of the Victoria Hotel. Nine Sororities were represented as follows :

Kappa Alpha Theta—Mrs. Laura H. Norton.
 Delta Gamma—Miss Grace Telling.
 Kappa Kappa Gamma—Mrs. E. Jean Nelson-Penfield.
 Gamma Phi Beta—Miss Lillian W. Thompson.
 Chi Omega—Miss Bessie Krape.
 Alpha Phi—Miss Minnie Ruth Terry.
 Pi Beta Phi—Miss Elizabeth Gamble.
 Alpha Xi Delta—Mrs. T. C. Kimble.
 Delta Delta Delta—Miss Amy H. Olgen.

The question of rotation in the calling of conferences and the holding of office was first discussed. By consent, it was agreed that the conference, as a body, decide upon the following order of rotation :

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| 1. Pi Beta Phi. | 6. Gamma Phi Beta. |
| 2. Kappa Alpha Theta. | 7. Alpha Chi Omega. |
| 3. Kappa Kappa Gamma. | 8. Delta Delta Delta. |
| 4. Delta Gamma. | 9. Alpha Xi Delta. |
| 5. Alpha Phi. | 10. Chi Omega. |

It was further agreed that dating from the present conference the delegate from that Sorority calling the Conference should act as chairman, and the delegate from the Sorority next in order should act as secretary with a view toward her occupying the Chair at the next Conference. Therefore, Miss Telling of Delta Gamma, was made chairman. Inasmuch as the first and second Conferences were called by Alpha Phi and Gamma Phi Beta respectively, and as Alpha Chi Omega was not represented at this Conference, Miss Olgen of Delta Delta Delta was made secretary. Acting upon a letter from Sigma Kappa, it was moved that Sigma

Kappa be admitted to the Conference whenever she as a Sorority accepts all the rules already passed by the Conference. This motion was carried unanimously.

The Inter-Sorority Compact was first discussed. Of the four motions submitted to the Sororities by the Conference of 1903, motions 1 and 2 failed to pass, one by a small negative, the other by a tie vote. It was, therefore, unanimously voted to submit these motions again to the chapters of the Sororities through their Grand Councils. These motions are as follows:

1. Moved that a pledge day be adopted by the National Sororities in each college where two or more of them exist.
2. Moved that a pledge day in each college be fixed by the Pan-Hellenic Association existing there.

The second session of the Conference was given over to the consideration of the conflicts and difficulties arising over the Inter-Sorority Compact. It was found that the Pan-Hellenic Associations already formed were, for the most part, making marked progress beyond the regulations demanded by the Inter-Sorority Compact, in the making and enforcing of rules regulating rushing, pledging, etc., etc. Objections to Rules 1 and 2, now in force, were entertained from chapters at three institutions. Of these, only one was considered of serious importance. After thorough discussion, three courses of action seemed open to the Conference: to enforce the rules strictly, to grant an exception, or to abandon the compact. A motion was finally made that inasmuch as the last Conference had accomplished by inter-sorority action what no one Sorority was willing or able to attempt alone, and inasmuch as inter-sorority regulations affect us all alike, the Third Conference refuse to make any exceptions, whatever local conditions may exist in any particular college, to its previous ruling regarding the pledging of preparatory students. This motion was lost, 5 to 4. It was then moved that the University of Wisconsin chapters of all the Sororities represented in the Conference be permitted for two years to pledge senior students in high schools at their inter-scholastic meet, June 4. This motion was carried, 6 to 3. The Conference wishes to state, however, that this exception is granted to Wisconsin because of the peculiar conditions existing there, that this exception is only temporary, and that it expects the Pan-Hellenic Association there

to make every possible effort in order that the exception may, after two years, no longer be necessary.

A consideration of the reports of the different Pan-Hellenic Associations revealed the fact that the purpose of such associations was not everywhere understood. It was, therefore, moved that inasmuch as there had been some misunderstanding as to the real purpose of the local Pan-Hellenic Associations, each Sorority be asked to instruct its chapters that the purpose of these Associations is not merely to promote good feeling and social intercourse but especially to discuss and act upon all matters of inter-sorority interest with a view to raising fraternity standards and ameliorating existing evils. This motion was carried unanimously.

It was moved that the Inter-Sorority Conference, through its secretary, request each local Pan-Hellenic association to discuss thoroughly and to attempt the adoption of rules—

1. Providing for a pledge day not less than two weeks after the opening of college whether such a compact is entered into by the National Sorority or not.

2. Tending to regulate and limit rushing, especially in the matter of extravagant expenditure and excess of social functions.

This motion was carried unanimously.

The last session of the conference was devoted to a discussion of the social service work proposed by Kappa Kappa Gamma and was introduced by the following preamble and resolution :

WHEREAS, We recognise that there are conditions existing in the social life of our co-educational colleges that demand serious consideration, and

WHEREAS, We feel that the college Greek letter fraternities, with their organized strength, should be a recognized factor in the proper adjustment of such conditions ;

Resolved, That we, in the seventeenth national convention of Kappa Kappa Gamma assembled, recommend that concerted action be taken by the women's national Greek letter fraternities, the object of which shall be to reach this adjustment.

Upon request, Mrs. Penfield, chairman of the social service committee, read the report upon which the above recommendation was based. (The report is found elsewhere in this issue of the KEY.)

After a most interesting discussion the conference voted to adopt the three following motions :

1. That the Inter-Sorority Conference recommend the establishment of women's leagues in our co-educational colleges where the women's national Greek letter sororities are located—membership in which shall include all women students and the object of which shall be to co-operate with the faculties in improving the present social conditions and also to provide for such co-operation along other lines of social service recognized to be within the province of such organizations, the extent and specific direction of which shall be determined in every case by local conditions.

2. Moved that these leagues be established under the direction of the grand presidents of the various sororities, it being left to these officers to decide where such organizations shall be established and the form of each, the president of such sorority being responsible for the colleges in which her sorority was the first established.

3. Moved that a committee of three be now elected whose duty it shall be—

First. To secure, if possible, the co-operation of the college men in this work.

Second. To form a bureau of comparative legislation, which shall include the legislation now in force in colleges where women's leagues, women's dormitories and sorority houses exist and to secure reports on the effectiveness of such legislation.

Third. To investigate the advisability of asking that deans of women be appointed in all co-educational colleges.

This committee was elected as follows : Mrs. W. W. Penfield, of Kappa Kappa Gamma, St. Owen Place, Wakefield, New York City ; Miss Lillian W. Thompson, of Gamma Phi Beta, 326 W. 60th Place, Chicago, Ill. ; Miss Grace E. Telling, of Delta Gamma, 840 N. Park Ave., Chicago, Ill.

The committee was instructed to report on duties 1 and 2 to the grand presidents of the sororities and on duty 3 to the next inter-sorority conference.

It was thought by the conference that such subjects as the specific work of deans of women as well as the matter of assistance of the proper kind for these over-taxed executives, the necessity for dormitories, the management of fraternity houses, the provision for adequate chaperonage, the regulation of the

private boarding and furnished room house standards, etc., must, with an infinite number of other matters, be left to our leaders to decide when local conditions are investigated and the co-operation of local faculty and student-body enlisted. The conference was unanimous in its endorsement of the work and urges the hearty co-operation of every fraternity woman and asks for the cordial support of all interested. Letters were read from several deans of women who were unable to be at the conference but who are deeply interested in the work.

The conference was then declared adjourned.

In conclusion, the conference wishes to emphasize all the agreements now included in the inter-sorority compact which is binding upon all chapters of all the sororities represented in the compact.

1. There shall be a Pan-Hellenic association in every institution where two or more national sororities exist; each association shall be represented by the chapter first established there; and shall consist of one alumna and one active member of each sorority. It shall be presided over in rotation by each chapter in the order of its establishment. Any chapter violating the Pan-Hellenic agreements shall be reported to its grand president by the Pan-Hellenic association to which it belongs.

2. No student shall be asked to join a sorority before she has matriculated, matriculation being defined as the day of enrollment as a student in the university or college.

The next conference will be called by Delta Delta Delta at Chicago, in September, 1905. The great desire of this conference is that the local Pan-Hellenic associations may do much during the coming year to advance the work of the Inter-Sorority Conference.

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